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		First Inventor BACHMANN, Michel, Andre	
		Title CLOSURE SYSTEM FOR SURGICAL RING	
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1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
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1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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1810	750	2810	375	For each add. invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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For: **CLOSURE SYSTEM FOR SURGICAL RING**

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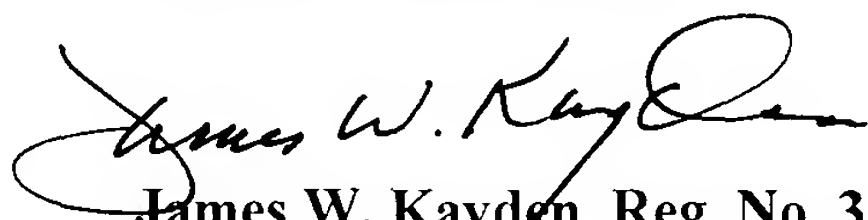
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- A European Patent Application Consisting Of:
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 - 05 Pages of Claims (Claims 1-20)
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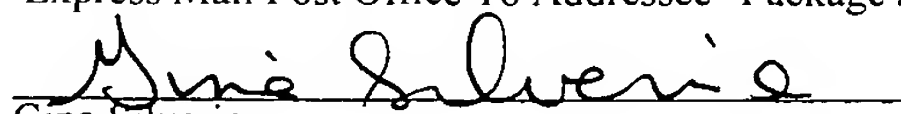
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